

DADE HERITAGE TRUST, INC.
Executive Committee
Minutes of the June 14, 1983 meeting

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of Dade Heritage Trust was called to order at 10:15 a.m. at Dr. Jackson's Office, 190 S.E. 12th Terrace. Trustees present were:

Becky Matkov, First Vice President
John Clark, Second Vice President
Marty Stofik, Secretary
Michael Maxwell
Richard Miller

Also present was Paul Thompson, Executive Director.

Ms. Matkov stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the relocation of the Brown House, now located at 1756 N. Bayshore Drive, Miami.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Miami City Commission had adopted a resolution accepting a proposal to relocate the house to Watson Island for use as a dockmaster's house. He said that Tibor Hollo, present owner of the structure, had agreed to donate the house and up to \$100,000 for moving the house to the new location. Mr. Thompson presented a preliminary site plan showing the proposed location of the house on the north side of Watson Island where there is existing parking. He also stated that the City had indicated it will be responsible for site preparation. He asked the committee to authorize him to prepare a document for Mr. Hollo's signature stating he will donate the house and up to \$100,000 to Dade Heritage Trust. DHT will, in turn, donate the house to the City of Miami. He also requested authorization to negotiate with Russell Building Movers to move the house for \$90,000.

Ms. Matkov said DHT must be assured by Mr. Hollo that the funds for the move be donated before any costs are incurred by DHT and that there be no additional costs to DHT above the amount donated by Mr. Hollo.

Mr. Maxwell pointed out that the new foundation for the house was expected to cost approximately \$5,000. He did not believe the city had indicated it would absorb that cost. Mr. Thompson stated that the city had planned to spend funds to build a dockmaster's facility at the site, although no funds had been allocated.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Clark to authorize Mr. Thompson to enter negotiations for a contract with Russell Building Movers, Tibor Hollo and the City of Miami for relocation of the Brown House to Watson Island.

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Ms. Stofik seconded the motion with an amendment that any such agreements clearly state that DHT would not be committed to any expenditures connected with the project. Mr. Clark accepted the amendment and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thompson reported the financial condition of DHT as follows:

\$1,482.50 raised from the garage sale
790.00 raised from the Vizcaya reception
2,375.93 in the general checking account, which includes the above amounts
8,415.79 in outstanding bills due, not including salaries payable on June 24

Mr. Maxwell said he had spoken to the Office of Community and Economic Development about advancing "seed" money for the Opa-locka Train Station relocation project. Mr. Thompson noted that previous grants have required DHT to advance the funds and be reimbursed.

In response to a question by Mr. Miller, Mr. Thompson reported that \$13,000 still is due from the Antique Show and that no word had been received from the attorney representing DHT in the matter.

Ms. Matkov objected to a statement by Mr. Thompson that money received from advertising for the Summer issue of Preservation Today magazine would not necessarily go toward paying the printing bill from the Spring issue. Mr. Clark agreed with Mr. Thompson that critical bills such as phone and electricity should be paid first, using the advertising revenue if necessary. Ms. Stofik stated that all advertising revenue should go directly toward paying the bills for the Spring issue.

The committee discussed holding seminars for various groups that would be interested in historic preservation, such as tax attorneys, realtors and preservation board members as a possible fund raising project. They also agreed that the Board must begin an active campaign of approaching corporate contributors for long-term funding. Other suggestions for fund raising included approaching a financial institution to provide matching funds for new members and expanding the membership program.

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Maxwell, that the Executive Committee recommend to the Board of Trustees that a fund raising committee be established to organize and implement a fund raising program. The motion carried unanimously.

The committee also agreed to recommend that a retreat be held to provide an opportunity for the Trustees to conduct a comprehensive review of programs and services offered by DHT, how staff and volunteer time is being used, how funds are being allocated, and potential sources of income.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Marty Stofik
Secretary